

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is unfair, and I believe illegal, for them to use their license to broadcast slanted political material on a side that the Sinclair favors. I am appalled that they will be allowed to do this. Even if they are punished afterwards, the damage to democracy and the public interest will have been done.

Sinclair's intentions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.